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Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the application as follows.

**In the claims:**

Please add new claims 53-58 as follows:

1. (Original) A slip ring apparatus, comprising:

a first slip ring component, said first slip ring component comprising a first interface surface and at least one first dynamic interface component; and

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